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## HPD Announces Next Coffee With a Cop Event

Harrisonburg, Va. - The Harrisonburg Police Department will conclude the second year of its popular 'Coffee With a Cop' series on November 18 with a session from 7 a.m. until 10 a.m. at Mr. J's Bagels and Deli at 1731 S. High St.

The program was begun as a means of increasing citizen-police communications by encouraging interactions in a neutral and informal setting.

"Maintaining open lines of communication between citizens and the police officers who serve them is an essential element of our community policing strategy for reducing crime," says Police Chief Stephen Monticelli.

The 'Coffee With a Cop' initiative provides an opportunity to discuss community safety issues, express any concerns residents may have, offer suggestions, and learn more about the HPD's operations in the community.

Chief Monticelli and other officers from the Harrisonburg Police Department will be on hand to talk with citizens and respond to questions.

"We greatly appreciate the reception that we've gotten so far," Monticelli says. "These encounters have been a valuable and productive tool for breaking down barriers and increasing effective communications."

More information is available at [www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/coffee-with-a-cop](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/coffee-with-a-cop).

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